



Report of the West North West Area Manager

North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 8th February 2010

Subject: Area Delivery Plan Update - Quarter 3, 2009/10

Electoral Wards Affected:
 Adel & Wharfedale
 Guiseley & Rawdon
 Horsforth
 Otley & Yeadon

Ward members consulted
 (referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update of progress against actions in the 2009/10 Area Delivery Plan for Outer North West.

1 Purpose of this report

1.1 This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements against the 2009/10 Area Delivery Plan, covering the eight themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan.

2. Background Information

2.1 The Area Delivery Plan for 2009/10 was approved by this Area Committee on 22nd June 2009, and is attached at Appendix 1. It sets out the work plan and priorities for the Outer North West Area Committee.

2.2 To December this year, 95.4% of the 65 actions in the plan have been completed or started. Three actions have not yet started.

3 Main Issues

Culture

3.1 There have been a number of community events and initiatives supported by the Area Committee in the quarter 3 of 2009/10. These include Leeds Irish Arts Festival, Otley Courthouse Project and Horsforth Design Statement. Funding has also been approved to support the organisation of the Otley Carnival in 2010.

- 3.2 The Horsforth Cup and Ring Stone Restoration project is underway. The project aims to move a gritstone pillar with prehistoric markings from Kirkstall Abbey to its original location in Horsforth. The stone will be displayed next to the Millennium Stone in the Civic Quarter of Horsforth. It will remain part of the museums and galleries archaeology collection. English Heritage confirmation for permission to move the Cup-and-Ring stone has now come through. Designers were contacted to create an interpretation panel, which is due to be completed by the end of February 2010. In house technicians are in place and prepared to move the stone on completion of the panel. The project will be completed within quarter 4 of 2009/10.
- 3.3 In this quarter, the Area Committee has also supported capital improvements to sport and recreation venues including the Horsforth Hall Park Cricket Club Clubhouse, Ridgeside Play Area, Yeadon Engine Fields and Micklefield Bowling Green.

Enterprise and Economy

- 3.4 The Yeadon High Street town and district centre scheme is nearly completed. Work is expected to resume and be completed when weather permits. Area Management is looking into producing a leaflet for Yeadon High Street as a way to promote the business in the town centre after the period of disruption caused by the construction work. It is expected that the leaflet will contain a pictorial map of the High street showing all the shops on one side, and useful information and contact numbers on the other.
- 3.5 Wellbeing funding has been allocated to install height barriers and a fence at the newly built Netherfield Road car park in Guiseley. The work is needed to prevent access to the car park by travellers, which has caused disruption to the use of the site as well as concerns over its environmental cleanliness. Work has been requested to start on site after the relocation of the newly-refurbished Parkinson clock completes in quarter 1 of 2010/11.
- 3.6 Details of the plan to redevelop the former Horsforth Library into new area management offices and a new, centrally based, youth centre for Horsforth has been finalised. City Development will carry out the construction work. Work has started on site in January and will be completed within quarter 1 of 2010/11.

3.7

Learning

- 3.8 The Extended Services clusters have been further developed during 2009 and now have firmly established links between schools, youth services, voluntary organisations, children's centres and families. Through consultation, action plans have been agreed and each cluster has a number of sub groups tackling key priorities including youth provision in Adel and activities for vulnerable children.
- 3.9 A themed event is planning to be organised in the outer north west area in 2010 to engage children, young people and families in the design and delivery of improvements in the children and young people service area.

Transport

- 3.10 The consultation on the Metro's Local Area Accessibility Action Plan in the Outer North West Leeds has ended and the data is now being collated. A draft report of the findings will be presented to Area Committee for discussion. It is expected that some specific projects can be identified and carried out in the near future to improve accessibility in the Outer North West Leeds.
- 3.11 The business and transport subgroup held the initial meeting in this quarter and approved its terms of reference, which included influence key priorities in relation to the services delivered, monitoring of performance and delivery of services, provide a forum for consultation, review of the Area Delivery Plan and provide linkages to Departmental Area Service Plans and the other strategic plans.
- 3.12 The consultation on the outline designs of the routes to be improved under the Leeds Core Cycle Network have ended. Further consultation will be undertaken on the detailed designs when they are available. Work is expected to start in this financial year to some parts of the network.

Environment

- 3.13 The Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIP's) for Weston Estate, Otley, an area of Horsforth and Holt Park are underway. West North West Area Management has been providing support to local groups to identify priority issues for each area and implement a co-ordinated service delivery approach for problem areas. Weston Estate steering group meet every two months for the last two years to deliver local priorities which were embedded in an action plan for the area. The action plan is being reviewed and a walkabout has been planned in January 2010 to update local priorities and encourage better involvement and ownership of local residents. An action plan has been developed for Horsforth in conjunction with the police and other partners. The NIP for Holt Park has been resurrected and an initial meeting held in August.
- 3.14 The wellbeing-funded Green Check Energy Savers project has started in this quarter and has been well received by the participating schools and their pupils. Six out of the 10 schools involved have received an electronic energy monitor, which will help them track their electricity use over a 4-month trial period. Analysis of electricity readings will take place in February 2010. The monitors will then be moved to the other schools on the project and then hopefully to other schools in the Leeds area. So far one assembly and 4 or 5 workshops have been organised for four schools. Other schools are registering to receive workshops and assemblies in the new year. The assembly and workshops have covered the topics of climate change and its causes, energy awareness and practical skills for reducing energy use.
- 3.15 Work has been completed to build a community garden for pupils and local residents in Yeadon Westfield Infant School in this quarter. The Parent Staff Association and the school are now looking into the best methods for deciding what to plant and how to maintain it. The community garden is expected to be open for use in early 2010.
- 3.16 An Operation Champion was held in Holt Park in December 2009. Police and officers from West North West Homes, Sanctuary Housing, Environmental Action Team, Youth Service and other agencies undertook work in the area to execute warrants, undertake garden and tenancy audits, remove graffiti and undertake other enforcement action. The Police community van and the Youth Mobile also supported this event.

Health and Wellbeing

- 3.17 Area Committee funding has supported a number of community events and initiatives in quarter 3 to improve the health and wellbeing of the people. These include a Christmas activity day under the Aireborough Summer Activities Scheme, Crompark Cricket Club's cricket awards, Yorkshire Model Marine Expo, Rawdon festive lights display and Rawdon over 55's exercise group.
- 3.18 The refurbishment of Ridgeside play area in Adel & Wharfedale has nearly completed. It is expected to complete early in quarter 4. When complete the play area will have greater play value with more equipment of a better standard that is more sustainable than the original equipment.

Thriving Communities

- 3.19 The CASAC Burglary Reduction project aims to deliver crime prevention activities including target hardening properties in burglary hotspots and distributing distraction burglary packages to older and vulnerable residents. There were 107 properties target hardened during the third quarter alone. 375 properties in Outer North West have been target hardened since the beginning of the project and 49 more properties are expected to be target hardened in the last quarter of 2009/10.
- 3.20 CCTV cameras located in Otley and Yeadon continued to be funded by the Area Committee. In quarter 3, further wellbeing funding has been allocated to run the CCTV cameras in Horsforth. CCTV cameras have acted as a deterrent and help reduce the fear of crime in the area.
- 3.21 The wellbeing-funded police initiatives which aim to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, including the off-licence test purchasing scheme have been carried out in this quarter. These include off-licence test purchasing, Capture Cars, off-road police motorcycles and a Speed Indicator Device for the Outer North West area. Progress of these initiatives will be updated quarterly to the Area Committee.
- 3.22 Monthly multi-agency tasking meetings were held in the Outer North West area, involving officers from the police, anti-social behaviour unit, West North West Homes and the youth service, amongst others. The group continued to identify crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots and look at ways of working together to address them. A review of the MAT meetings has been undertaken by the Neighbourhood Police Team inspector and the Area Community Safety Coordinator in the previous quarter. This looked at membership and how the work arising from the meeting was managed. Additional agencies have been invited to join the group and the action plan used to manage the work of the group has been improved.
- 3.23 Operation Champion is a 1 day multi-agency operation tackling crime and grime in priority neighbourhoods. In the 3rd quarter, one operation was held in Holt Park in December 2009 as mentioned in 3.16.

Harmonious Communities

- 3.24 Community Engagement is a key function of the Area Committee and two regular forums are held covering Guiseley and Rawdon and Yeadon. In addition to the regular forums, the Area Management Team has led or being involved in a number of ad hoc consultations during this period including Yeadon Town and District Centre scheme, the Horsforth Design Statement and Holt Park Wellbeing Centre. In addition, the new Community Engagement Strategy developed by West North West Area Management Team was presented to the December Area Committee. The strategy includes the

setting up of an Area Management website with an ADP online survey and a West North West Area Citizen Panel to complete questionnaires and participate in focus group discussions on local issues.

- 3.25 Through the well-being fund, the Area Committee has continued to support a wide range of community and voluntary organisations. In quarter 3 2009/10, over £20,000 has been committed to bring improvements to community facilities including repairing Adel Church bell tower, providing grit bins in Adel & Wharfedale ward, installing barriers and a fence in Neitherfield Car Park and Christmas lights decoration in Rawdon.
- 3.26 Also in this quarter, three Wellbeing-funded Heritage Streetlighting projects have been carried out in Yeadon, Otley and Bramhope. The installation and painting of new heritage style columns has almost completed. New lighting has been put into operation in Otley and Yeadon. Bramhope will follow in quarter 4.
- 3.27 Conservation area reviews have been fully completed for Adel St John and Pool in Wharfedale with the official announcement of the reviews on the London Gazette in November 2009. Guiseley conservation area review has nearly completed. A further £35,000 wellbeing funding has been allocated in this quarter to carry out more conservation area appraisal/review projects in Rawdon, Horsforth, Yeadon and Bramhope.
- 3.28 The Community Centre Pricing Policy was developed to be applied from 1st October 2009 for all directly managed community centres within the Area Committees portfolio. A review is currently being undertaken. It is hoped the new policy is to be applied from 1st April 2010.

4 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 4.1 The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. This will enable local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area to be developed and delivered against. Actions in the plan were formulated based on consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

5 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects that meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan. Area Management work with other council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the Well-Being Fund which ensures best use of the funding.
- 5.2 Area Management will be responsible for organising and co-ordinating community engagement activity.

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 The Area Delivery Plan set out the key actions for 2009/2010 for Outer North West Leeds. This report provides an update for Members on progress against the actions contained within the report.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are asked to consider and comment upon the contents of the report.

8 Background Papers

Outer North West Area Delivery Plan 2009/10

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10